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Virginia Medical Interpreter Training Grants Program

Take advantage of becoming an interpreter and serving your community.



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What is it?

*The Virginia Medical Interpreter Training Grants Program was established to build capacity statewide to deliver linguistically appropriate healthcare services and communicate with limited English proficient (LEP) individuals in the event of a public health emergency. Funds are being made available to **pay for the cost of tuition** to a limited number of bilingual individuals each year who wish to be trained as medical interpreters through an [authorized Virginia course provider](#).*



Who can do it?

Any bilingual individual who has successfully passed the course pre-requisite language proficiency test is eligible to apply. The test has both an oral and a written component and assesses proficiency in both English and a target (non-English) language. The test requires a time commitment of approximately two hours and there is a fee associated with the test.

What does it require?

For the 40 credit hours of tuition paid on their behalf, an applicant must agree to participate in 40 hours of community service (community service hours must be completed within 12 months after course completion) as an interpreter through an [authorized Virginia course provider](#) interpreter service program AND/OR [an authorized healthcare safety net provider site](#). Applicants must also be willing to be called on to assist with interpretation in the event of a public health emergency.

For more information about applying and application forms [click here](#).

For more information, please contact:

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Authorized Virginia Course Providers



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Authorized Virginia Healthcare Safety Net Provider Sites

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|  | Bon Secours Care-A-Van http://www.bonsecours.com/bsrichmond/missionoutreach.asp#Care |
| St. Mary's Health Wagon | St. Mary's Health Wagon http://www.stmaryshealthwagon.com/default.php |
| VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION of FREE CLINICS | Virginia Association of Free Clinics Member Sites http://www.vafreeclinics.org/find-a-free-clinic.asp |
|  | Virginia Department of Health Local Health District Sites http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/LHD/LocalHealthDistricts.asp |
|  | Virginia Primary Care Association Member Sites http://www.vpca.com/members.cfm |

Other safety net providers may be eligible for this program.

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How Do I Apply?

STEP 1:

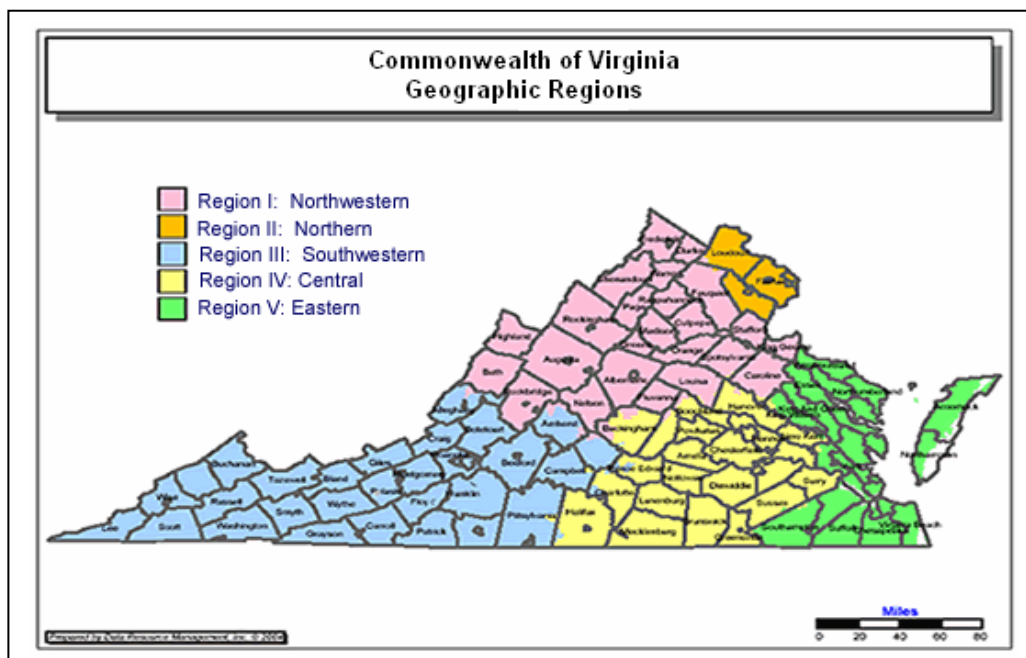
Determine if you are eligible to participate in Virginia Training Grants Program by answering the below questions:

| Eligibility Criteria | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. Are you bilingual? | | |
| 2. Have you taken and successfully passed the course pre-requisite language proficiency test from an authorized Virginia course provider ? | | |
| 3. Are you eligible to work in the United States? | | |
| 4. Are you able to commit to providing 40 hours of community service as an interpreter through an authorized Virginia course provider interpreter service program AND/OR an authorized healthcare safety net provider site (community service hours must be completed within 12 months after course completion)? | | |
| 5. Are you willing to be called on to assist with interpretation in the event of a public health emergency (e.g., floods, hurricanes, epidemics, terrorist attacks)? | | |

If you answered "YES" to all of the above questions,
then you are eligible, so proceed to Step 2!

STEP 2:

Identify the region where you live/work ([click here to see the names of cities and counties within each region](#)):



- The Virginia Medical Interpreter Training Grants Program is committed to ensuring the availability of trained medical interpreters in all geographic regions of the Commonwealth. Hence, not all applicants can be guaranteed admittance into the program. Applicants will be prioritized based on availability of funds, regional needs, and identified priority languages within a region.

STEP 3: If you are still interested in applying for this program, download, fill out, and submit the following application!

- [*VIRGINIA MEDICAL INTERPRETER TRAINING GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM*](#)

If you are selected to participate in the Virginia Medical Interpreter Training Grants Program, you will need to sign a Training Grants Program contract and submit a verification of community service form.

- [*TRAINING GRANTS PROGRAM CONTRACT*](#)
- [*VERIFICATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM*](#)

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APPLICATION FORM

Section 1 - Personal Data

Please type or print with ink.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Mobile Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Section 2 – Interpreter Education

PROFICIENCY TESTING

Proficiency Tested in Which Language(s): _____

Name of Course Provider/Organization Who
Conducted the Proficiency Test? _____

Date of Proficiency Testing? _____

Result of Proficiency Testing: Passed Failed
(circle one)

MEDICAL INTERPRETER TRAINING COURSE FOR THIS GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Interpreter Training Course: _____

Name of Course Provider/Organization: _____

Date Course Begins: _____ Date Course Ends: _____

Course Fee (the amount you are requesting from the Training Grants Program): _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE REGION (check one):

- ____ I. Northwestern Virginia
____ II. Northern Virginia
____ III. Southwestern Virginia
____ Roanoke Area
____ Far Southwest

IV. Central Virginia

- ___ *Metro Richmond Area*
- ___ *Southside Area*
- ___ *V. Eastern Virginia*
- ___ *Hampton Roads/E. Shore*
- ___ *Peninsula Area*
- ___ *Northern Neck Area*

Section 3 – Certification

Certification: I hereby certify that the information given in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that it may be investigated and that any willful false representation is sufficient cause for rejection of this application.

Full Name: _____

Full Signature: _____ Date: _____